

I am appalled that Sinclair Broadcasting has decided to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Furthermore, Sinclair is touting the documentary as "news". To be 'fair & balanced', Sinclair's stations should be ordered to show Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11" immediately after the anti-Kerry documentary.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision is blatantly unethical! Sinclair's decision represents free campaign advertising for Bush at the most critical and powerful time of all -- just prior to election day! When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.